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In re Application of DALAL, NEERAV N., et al. Application No. 10/006,315 Filed: November 13, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT BETWEEN A MOBILE STATION AND A BASE STATION IN A

WIRELESS NETWORK

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT

This is in response to the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181 filed June 22, 2005. No fee is required.

The application is held as abandoned for failure to timely respond to the non-final Office action mailed October 5, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 20, 2005.

Petitioner states that they did not receive the non-final Office action mailed October 5, 2004. In support thereof, petitioner provides a copy of their docket records and provides a statement that the file jacket and docket records were searched and that the Office action was not received.

In the absence of any irregularity in the mailing of an Office action, there is a strong presumption that the Office action was properly mailed to practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Office action was not in fact received. The showing required to establish the failure to receive an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement. See "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received" 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993) and M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c). The showing outlined above may not be sufficient if there are circumstances that point to a conclusion that the Office communication may have been lost after receipt rather than a conclusion that the Office communication was lost in the mail.

The petition complies with all of the requirements set forth above.

A review of the file record also reveals that the non-final Office action was returned to the Office as undeliverable on October 14, 2004.

Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file will be forwarded to the Technology Center's technical support staff for remailing the Office action originally mailed October 5, 2004. The period for response will be reset to begin as the new mailing date thereof.

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